

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## BULLDOG MEN'S BASKETBALL DAY

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 1914, Atlantic Christian College, now known as Barton College, began playing men's basketball; and

WHEREAS, the Barton College Bulldogs finished the 2006-2007 Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference (CVAC) season as regular season champions for the second year in a row with a 19-1 record and won the CVAC tournament for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, the Barton College Bulldogs finished the 2006-2007 season with an overall record of 31-5 and a 21 game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, the Barton College Bulldogs beat the Winona State University Warriors 77-75 in the NCAA Division-II Basketball National Championship on March 24, 2007, played at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA; and

WHEREAS, in Ron Lievense's 11<sup>th</sup> season coaching at Barton College, he delivered the University's first NCAA men's basketball championship and was named CVAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time; and

WHEREAS, the Barton College Bulldogs men's basketball team has demonstrated the teamwork and dedication that has earned them the respect and pride of all North Carolinians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 4, 2007, as "**BULLDOG MEN'S BASKETBALL DAY**" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to wear royal blue and white in support of this observance.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.